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We, Bing Zhou and Michael Rueter the inventors named in the above-identified patent application, hereby declare: that we are citizens of Canada and the United States of America, respectively; that our residences and post office addresses are 2 Falcon Court, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512 and 320 Maiden Lane, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, 19462 respectively; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the above-identified application; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended that the

subject matter of the amendment dated November 11, 2003, and the examiner's amendment dated December 7, 2003, was part of our invention and was invented before the filing of the original, above-identified, patent application; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by the amendments referred to above; and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, this 5th day of January, 2004.

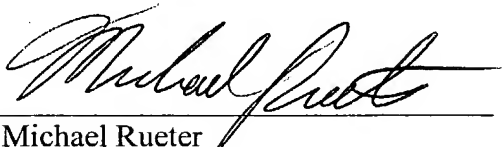
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